

# FASHION IN GIVING

Correct But Queer Things for Christmas Gifts.

## BREWRIES AND MODEL GUNS

Setting Books and Stiletos for Women—How Hard Times Affect Christmas Plans.

What may be termed the Christmas phenomenon is at present observable in connection with nearly every article of merchandise offered for sale. That is, things which in themselves have a perennial rather than a contemporary utility, such as shoes and stores, are advertised conspicuously as appropriate Christmas presents. No familiar has this form of enterprise become, with the annual recurrence of the feast of feasts, that wonder is felt whenever it does not assert itself, and the ice man seems a thrifless creature just now for not crying the utility of his wares as a holiday gift.

There is, also, the other extreme. Objects which seem almost to proclaim

themselves as gifts of a sentimental character in connection with the gift. The innovation is due to the dulness of life.

Riding whips are the newest things as presents to young women. They are seen with English holly leaves, silver and gold mounted. Needless to say, there is no limit to the price. A carriage whip, too, is the prevailing one of giving stiletos to unmarried girls. They are, in many cases, superb objects, jeweled and golden, sharp and deadly. They are allowed to repose upon the boudoir table. The fad started in France and was at first objected to, as leading to indulgence of the suicidal mania among over-sensitive matrons. Thereupon statistics were consulted and it transpired that girls of from sixteen to twenty-six rarely stab themselves. They and their lives, when so inclined, by means of poison. So the stiletto as a present at Christmas time to young women has grown in favor.

"Setting books as gifts to women from men are also popular, extraordinary as it may seem," said a New York merchant, in this connection. "A few years ago such a present would have been almost an insult. The articles come in assorted leathers, with silver and gold mountings. They cost from three to sixty dollars, and sell readily."

It may be stated that good taste is outraged at the presentation to a woman, relative or not, by a man of such things as manicure sets, toothpicks or toilet articles with but few exceptions. Such gifts imply an impression on the part of the donor that the recipient

is, and the army and navy are so small in number that they do not afford a field for more than a few. The bar is, of course, open, and is crowded in America as in England. Politics, for some inscrutable reason, does not seem to attract many of the higher grades of youth. Consequently, the young American seeks the commercial field, and in every American city, especially in the west, one finds at the head of cultivation and progress men whose rise has been due to successful commercial enterprise. It is well for the individual that success should be so rewarded, and it is well for the community, also, that the man of business, who has gained his success on legitimate lines, should be its leader.

In a new and partly unsettled country like America, so fortunately situated as to need practically no foreign policy, and to fear no foreign enemies, the creator or distributor of wealth is a far more valuable man than the politician or the soldier.

The sanguineness of the American is another feature especially striking to an outsider. The whole temper of the people is one of hope. No young man enters life in any line without the fullest belief that he is going to succeed, and going to make a great deal of money, and do it all very quickly. This may be true of young men everywhere, but it is especially so in the states. And men are justified in their youthful hopes.

## THE ART OF EATING.

A Branch of Education in Which Americans Are woefully Deficient.

"When my children get to the proper age," said the man who was smoking a cigar, "I intend to have them taken in hand by some competent person and given a thorough instruction in the art of eating, and, further, in the science of finding out what to eat and ordering."

"What do you mean?" inquired the man who sat next to him. "I mean this: The average American citizen is woefully deficient in knowledge of what he can get to eat. He falls down when it comes to ordering a dinner. The great majority of people in this country are brought up frantically at home and do not know anything but the commonest dishes. The consequence is that when a man goes into a restaurant for dinner or to a hotel he gazes helplessly at the bill of fare and sees many things of which he does not know the component parts. He dares not order anything that he is not sure of, for fear of ridicule, and he falls back on roast beef and mashed potatoes. The fact is, he doesn't know anything but roast beef. Same way in a restaurant. When a waiter shores a bill of fare at home and does not know nine times out of ten he will look it over and then say: 'Gimme a steak and some fried potatoes.' Now, the man who does this day after day doesn't want roast beef. He is sick unto death of steaks and fried potatoes. He loathes ham and eggs, and yet he keeps on ordering them in dreary and dyspeptic succession, because he doesn't know any better and he is too proud to confess his ignorance. It's that way with me, and I'll bet it's that way with most of you. I am going to relieve my children of all these things. They're going to know what's what when it comes to eating. 'No roast-beef domination' shall be my household slogan."

And the rest of the party, says the Buffalo Express, thought it over and concluded that he was pretty nearly right. Those who give Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial are soon convinced that it is a peculiar and an honest medicine. Its positive merit is manifested by the many remarkable cures accomplished.

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LABORER BOWMANVILLE, Dec. 26th, 1902. Maryville, Ohio.

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PROBATE ORDER—State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss.: At a session of the Probate Court of said county, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grand Rapids, on the 24th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

Present, LYNN E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the ESTATE of SARAH A. DUBOIS, deceased.

Worshipful J. M. Mason, administrator of said estate, having petitioned to this court for the appointment of a guardian of said estate, and having made a report thereon, and having been examined and found to be a proper person to be appointed guardian of said estate.

It is ordered that Monday, the 24th day of December, 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for the examination and approval of said report, and for the appointment of a guardian of said estate.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Grand Rapids Evening Herald, a daily newspaper printed and circulated in said county, on the 24th day of December, 1903.

LYNN E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.

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